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ITEM 6Suggestion for a New Project--Germany

25X1A Summary: 1. In November, [] reported an urgent need for over-all direction and policy guidance in regard to German integration with Western Europe and the related matter of German unity.

2. At approximately the same time, the Taylor Report, an interim psychological warfare plan for Germany, was instigated at the request of the High Commissioner. This study emphasized the need for a positive psychological approach with respect to Germany and placed priority on the integration of Germany into a European union.

3. In an airgram to the High Commissioner on the 23rd of November, 1951, the Department of State approved nearly all aspects of the Taylor Report and directed field implementation; however, it indicated that the importance of German unity was not sufficiently stressed.

4. The relationship of these two expressed but divergent objectives (i.e., (1) the German drive towards unity now being capitalized on by the Communists; and (2) the pressing need to integrate Germany into Western Europe) raises an immediate question of psychological warfare strategy with respect to (a) Germany; (b) Western Europe and France in particular; and (c) Poland, the Balkans, and the peripheral areas.

5. In order to negate Communist capitalization of the opposing drives and fears created by these objectives, it is imperative that a consistent, phased, and coordinated strategy be evolved with respect to (1) the integration of Germany with Western Europe, as suggested by the Taylor Report and approved by the Department of State; and (2) an approach to European union which will utilize rather than negate the German drive towards unity and the fear of Western Europe and the peripheral areas of a resurgent Germany.

6. The Taylor Report, State airgram No. 1622 of 23 November 1951, and the Carroll-Speier Report of approximately one year ago, can become the point of departure for the formulation of a national psychological plan with respect to Germany and the integration of Germany with Western Europe.

Recommendation: (1) That you seek the concurrence of the other PSB members in instructing the Director of the PSB to organize a panel of inter-departmental representatives for the purpose of evolving a national psychological warfare plan for Germany which will outline a national strategy for Germany and for the integration of Germany with Western Europe. (2) In view of the crisis aspect of this matter, that it be considered on a priority basis.

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